

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jacques L. Etkowicz (Reg. No. 41,738) on 5/12/2010 and Lawrence Ashery (Reg. No. 34,515) on 5/14/2010.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A moving picture display device comprising:
 - a moving picture storage unit for storing a plurality of moving pictures having respective position information as attribute values, the plurality of moving pictures corresponding to a plurality of regions and times, the position information including at least one of a latitude and a longitude;
 - a present time acquiring unit for acquiring a present time for a predetermined region; and
 - a moving picture display unit for displaying selected moving pictures of the plurality of moving pictures, the moving pictures selected corresponding to the present

time and a time difference between the present time and a respective time for the plurality of regions,

wherein the moving picture display unit displays the selected moving pictures relative to each other using the position information such that the displayed moving pictures are representative of the time of day at each of the respective plurality of regions, ~~to visually indicate~~ visually indicating locations of the selected moving pictures, when displaying the selected moving pictures of the plurality of moving pictures.

2. (Previously Presented) The moving picture display device of claim 1, further comprising:

a map information storage unit for storing map information; and
a map display unit for displaying the map information,
wherein the moving picture display unit disposes and displays the selected moving pictures on the map information shown by the map display unit on the basis of the map information corresponding to the selected moving pictures.

3. (Previously Presented) The moving picture display device of claim 1, wherein the moving picture display unit displays the selected moving pictures, and also displays the position relation of the selected moving pictures visually, on the basis of respective position information as attribute values of the selected moving pictures being displayed.

4. (Previously Presented) The moving picture display device of claim 1, further comprising:

a world clock holding unit for holding a world time,
wherein the moving picture display unit calculates the time difference based on
the world clock holding unit when displaying the selected moving pictures which
correspond to the present time.

5.-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium including a program causing a computer to execute the steps of:

storing a plurality of moving pictures having respective position information as attribute values, the plurality of moving pictures corresponding to a plurality of regions and times, the position information including at least one of a latitude and a longitude;

acquiring a present time for a predetermined region; and

displaying selected moving pictures of the plurality of moving pictures, the moving pictures selected corresponding to the present time and a time difference between the present time and a respective time for the plurality of regions,

wherein the displaying step includes a step for displaying the selected moving pictures relative to each other using the position information such that the displayed moving pictures are representative of the time of day at each of the respective plurality of regions, ~~to visually indicate~~ visually indicating locations of the selected moving

pictures, when displaying the selected moving pictures of the plurality of moving pictures.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art discloses the ability to acquire position information and display multiple "moving picture(s)" associated with the acquired position. This is shown in the cited prior art as well as other available prior art. The prior art also discloses the ability to display a picture based on the time of day at a location and the ability to continually change the displayed picture based on the changing of the time of day.

What is not disclosed in the prior art is the ability to display multiple "moving pictures" at the same time, where each "moving picture" is selected and displayed based on the calculated time of day at multiple locations, where each one of the multiple displayed "moving picture(s)" is selected based on the calculated time of day at the region that is associated with the displayed "moving picture".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Examiners Interpretation of Claim 1-4:

For purposes of USC 101, the examiner has regarded the “display device” and the “storage unit” as necessarily including hardware. That is to say the “display device” and the “storage unit” are interpreted as being hardware only or having hardware parts and not merely being software only.

Examiners Interpretation of Claim 12:

For purposes of USC 101, the examiner has regarded the “computer readable medium” as only including storage medium or media. That is to say the “computer readable media” are interpreted as being storage media only and not including transmission medium or media as defined in the applicant's specification.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin J. Smith whose telephone number is (571) 270-3825. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM EST..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on (571) 272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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